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interest rates of at least half a per cent was now possible. Money market rates eased by up to a quarter of one per cent...

ing a radical shake-up of the tax treatment of married couples. Other elements of the Budget are expected to include...



One man and his secrets: Mr Nigel Lawson on his 54th birthday yesterday

Hurd asked to change laws after rape case

The Government is to consider changing the law to prevent a repetition of the case of Patrick Reilly, the man cleared of the sex murder of a young girl but given three life sentences yesterday after confessing a series of sexual attacks...

Kohl faces second Flick cash inquiry

The position of Chancellor Kohl of West Germany worsened last night after public prosecutors in Bonn announced a second - and possibly more serious - investigation against him for alleged false testimony...

Minister moves to calm fears on Anglo-Irish deal

The Government last night attempted to allay Unionist alarm over the Anglo-Irish Agreement by holding an unprecedented press conference aimed at ending the secrecy surrounding yesterday's talks between London and Dublin...

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Cardinal virtues

Ten years ago the Pope astonished Britain's Roman Catholics by appointing an abbot as their leader. The Times Profile: Basil Hume

A royal liberty?

Penelope Mortimer's controversial biography of the Queen Mother reviewed

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio competition prize of £4,000, double the usual amount because no one won on Monday, was shared yesterday by three winners...

Teachers' deal

Both sides in the Scottish teachers' pay dispute last night agreed on settlement terms which would give a pay rise of nearly 15%

Patients pay

For almost 20 million prescriptions next year, patients will be paying more than the cost of the drug dispensed

Nato poll

Spain goes to the polls today to decide whether to remain in Nato. Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, made a final appeal to Spaniards to vote 'yes'

Test woes

England's batting failed again in the second Test against West Indies. Ian Botham was out for one as England headed for defeat

Thatcher defends plans on Trident

Cancellation of the Trident nuclear deterrent programme by a Labour or Alliance government could threaten up to 25,000 jobs and committed orders of more than £4,000 million by 1988, Defence Ministry sources revealed yesterday...

Legal action over tin

The Government could be a defendant in legal actions by banks and brokers seeking damages against the International Tin Council, of which Britain is a member, after the collapse of talks seeking an agreed solution to the £900 million tin crisis...

Wards may close to thwart private beds plan

Mr Cowan said: "The proposal was to increase the number of private beds from 37 to 53 which would have generated £727,000 towards our £2.5 million deficit. I told the authority that if we did not do that the equivalent cut would be closing three 28-bed NHS wards and making 39 nursing and other staff redundant..."

Pretoria lets CBS men stay

South Africa yesterday cancelled expulsion orders against three members of CBS's News Bureau after the American television network had broadcast a film of the funeral of an unrest victim in Johannesburg's Alexandra township...

BL board delays decision

The board of directors of BL is to decide in the next week which bidder it considers should become the new owner of Land Rover Leyland...



Chancellor Kohl: hoping for a quick decision.

Vickers workers get £7m share prospectus

Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering, which is being sold to a management-led consortium, has issued its share prospectus to 200,000 Barrow-in-Furness and Birkenhead staff and residents...

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Entrepreneurial spirit of 19th century 'way to restore inner cities'

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment, asserted last night that the way to regenerate Britain's inner cities was to return to the entrepreneurial spirit of the Industrial Revolution.

Delivering the Barnett Lecture at Toybee Hall, east London, Lord Young echoed the Prime Minister's recent talk of "popular capitalism" in arguing that most people had it within themselves to start new businesses.

"Enterprise runs much wider than small companies," Lord Young said. "It means an acceptance of personal responsibility and confidence and desire to take action to improve your own circumstances." This spirit was especially relevant in run-down areas of the cities.

Lord Young's wide-ranging speech marked the end of months of Whitehall in-fighting over which ministry should have the leading role in inner-city policymaking.

He made it clear last night that he was in charge, and the Government's interest had moved away from the rebuilding programmes favoured by the Department of the Environment, which is still noisily

nally in charge of urban policy, to the "people philosophy" of his department.

Lord Young said the self-confidence and dynamism that were "an essential ingredient for the small businessman would go a long way to improving inner cities". Government aid would assist, particularly in education and skill training, but he signalled the end of large programmes of government intervention in inner urban areas.

Lord Young made no reference at all to the "partnership" arrangements involving local councils, run by the Department of the Environment. Instead he praised voluntary projects and "community responses" outside the ambit of the town halls.

But the key to regeneration was individuals. "One of the losses of the inner cities in the nineteenth century was the disappearance of the most entrepreneurial and most able with consequent loss of leadership, and that needs to be changed," he said.

Lord Young also provided new details of what the Task Force, established under Department of Employment auspices two months ago, are meant to do in the inner cities.

"They will aim to improve joint working between government departments. They will aim to secure a larger slice of the cake of existing government programmes for their areas where deprivation is most intense, by focusing more sharply the programmes themselves. Finally, in consultation with the local community, they will work out distinctive approaches to local employment problems."

Lord Young laid special weight on educational reforms in the inner cities. The foundation of enterprise in employment was training and education, he said. The schools should be instrumental in instilling in children the right attitude towards work and, especially important in the inner city, towards "good citizenship".

"Our aim is to put confidence and pride back into those who live in the inner cities. Although we are putting very substantial resources into inner cities, I do not believe that pumping money into projects is the answer.

Speaking at the launch of the group at the Society of West End Theatre in Covent Garden, central London, Mr Kinna said that drastic steps were needed to fight Aids, which had so far led to 140 deaths in Britain.

The authority said no one had been injured and the householders in Victoria Gardens, Heston, within a mile of the airport, would be compensated under a special vortex insurance scheme.



Nigel Short, Britain's chess world champion contender, makes his opening moves during play in the world championships being staged at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Criticism of noise by private aircraft

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

The Government yesterday condemned a "handful" of small airfields for not attempting to reduce the impact of aircraft noise levels.

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Aviation, said airport owners could minimize noise nuisance for residents near-by and deplored the "short-sightedness" of those who did not bother.

But he said the public could not be totally protected from aircraft noise and the Government strongly supported the growth of civil aviation.

Mr Spicer, speaking at an Airfields Environment Federation meeting in London, said centrally imposed noise standards had to be backed by local determination to keep noise down, with "operational measures like quiet take-off and approach procedures".

● The British Airports Authority disclosed yesterday that roof tiles had been sucked from two houses by an "aircraft vortex" near Heathrow Airport on Monday.

The authority said no one had been injured and the householders in Victoria Gardens, Heston, within a mile of the airport, would be compensated under a special vortex insurance scheme.

Fund-raising group joins fight against Aids

The incidence of Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) in Britain doubles every six to eight months and could soon reach epidemic proportions, according to a new fund-raising group.

Within three years, Britain

could be in the same position as the United States, where 8,000 people have died from the disease. Mr Martin Kinna, of Action Against Aids (AAA), said yesterday.

AAA, whose founders include

Sir Richard Attenborough and Mr John Schlesinger, the film directors, aims to raise money for research and advice through the Terrence Higgins Trust, named after Britain's first Aids fatality.

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BBC drops action against editor

The BBC has decided not to take disciplinary action against the editor of *Rough Justice*. Mr Elwyn Parry Jones, over the Mycock affair, it was announced yesterday.

The National Union of Journalists released a letter from the BBC's managing director, Mr Bill Cotton, in which he told Mr Parry Jones that he had considered a report into the way an investigative team worked on a programme, but the matter was now closed.

Two BBC journalists, Mr Martin Young and Mr Peter Hill, were suspended without pay for their part in a *Rough Justice* programme which led to the freeing of Mr Tony Mycock, who had been jailed for five years for burglary.

Lord Laming, the Lord Chief Justice, criticized the pair for

the methods used in obtaining interviews.

Mr Parry Jones declined to comment yesterday. "To do so might be regarded as a breach of discipline in itself, and he is naturally wary, given his recent experience. I know that he is pleased and relieved", Mr Ian Yonge, his lawyer, said.

The NUJ's broadcasting officer, Mr John Foster, said action against Mr Parry Jones would have been "rough justice indeed", and that BBC management abused normal disciplinary procedures.

However, Mr Foster's call for *Rough Justice* to return "as soon as possible" had a lukewarm response from the BBC.

"The future of the programme is still under consideration", a spokesman said.

Sellafield target for peace boat

Greenpeace, the environmental pressure group, yesterday launched a campaign aimed at closing the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria by 1988.

A spokesman for Greenpeace said the group planned to sail a boat within the three-mile sea limit off the plant on April 1, which it will rename "British Nuclear Fools Day" for the occasion.

However, he declined to give details of precisely what action the Greenpeace boat, the *Sirius*, was planning.

Launching the campaign in London, Greenpeace said the continued existence of the Sellafield plant could not be justified on economic, technical or environmental grounds.

The nuclear industry is hearing itself for the release today of the Commons select committee report on the handling of nuclear waste.

Greenpeace claimed that the committee had accepted evidence submitted on its behalf by a firm of London consultant engineers showing that spent fuel rods could be placed in dry storage rather than being reprocessed.

A spokesman said this conflicted with statements by Sir Walter Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, who had told the MPs that reprocessing was necessary to avoid corrosion.

McGlinchey is jailed for 10 years

Dominic McGlinchey, former chief-of-staff of the banned Irish National Liberation Army who was extradited from the Irish Republic, was jailed for 10 years yesterday.

McGlinchey, aged 31, had pleaded not guilty in the Special Criminal Court in Dublin to having a gun and shooting with intent to resist arrest and endanger life, after his capture in Co Clare in March 1984.

He was returned to the republic to stand trial last October after a successful appeal against a life sentence imposed in Belfast for the murder of an elderly woman in Co Antrim in 1977.

Court date for PC accused of killing boy

Police Constable Brian Chester, of the West Midlands tactical firearms squad, is to face committal proceedings in seven weeks, charged with the manslaughter of John Shorthouse, aged 5, who died in a police raid on his parents' home last August.

Magistrates at Birmingham yesterday set aside April 30 and May 1 for the hearing. PC Chester, aged 36, of Leek Wootton, Warwickshire, who was not in court, was remanded on unconditional bail.

'Danger' of police becoming isolated

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The police are no longer as popular as they once were, and the signs are that the halcyon days may have gone for good, a leading article in *Police*, the monthly magazine of the Police Federation, says.

In a frank assessment of the effect of pressures on the police, the article gives a warning of the danger of a force that has become isolated, lost popularity and whose officers put group loyalty first.

"A force which comes to see itself as isolated from the largely alienated communities of the inner city, and not properly understood by those whose support was once taken for granted, would be unfitted for the crucial task of turning back the tide of crime and violence which threatens London as never before."

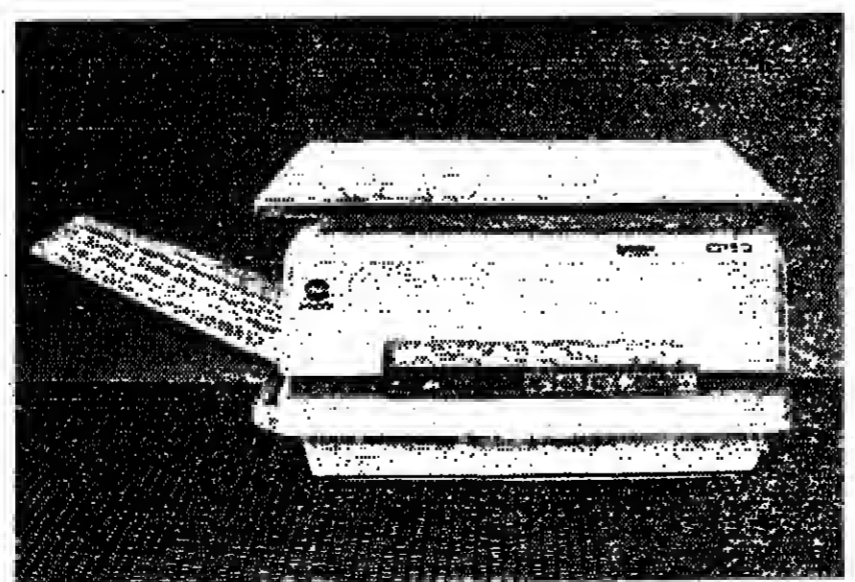
Referring to the Metropolitan Police, the article says that nothing could excuse acts of unprovoked criminal violence by a tiny minority of officers, nor could it condone misguided peer-group loyalty.

"But let us not pretend surprise that officers who, day in and out, have to withstand hatred, verbal and physical abuse, racial insults and obscenities, and vicious violence directed at them solely because they are police officers, should come to feel that loyalty to each other transcends other, unfulfilled but impersonal, obligations."

Such trends are cyclical, the article says. "The force which contains a number of brutal police, racist police, and corrupt police, is also the force that produces the Trevor Lockes, George Hammonds, Keith Blakelocks and Yvonne Fletchers. In the final accounting, it is they who will set the standards that prevail."

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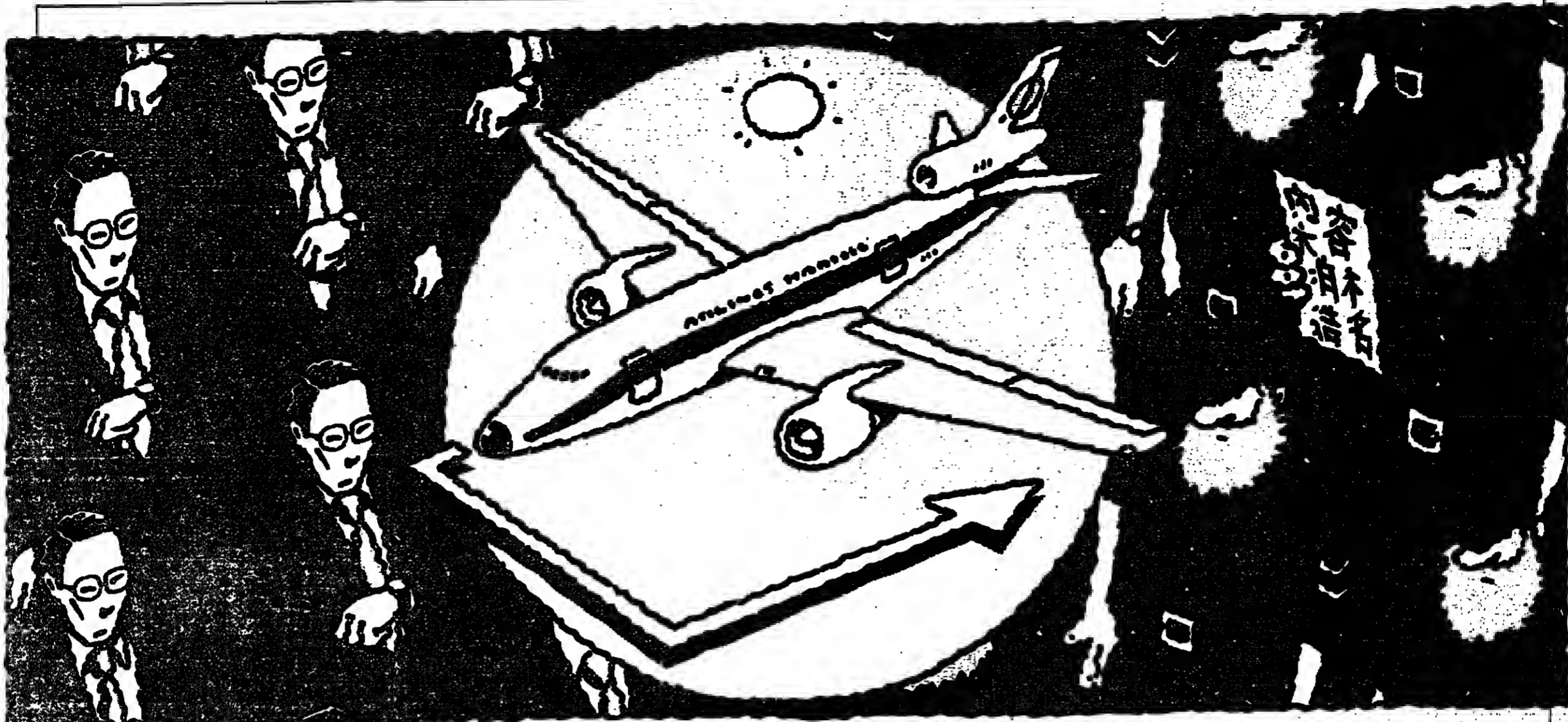
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Marcos trying to run Manila from Hawaii an ex-minister reveals

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Former-president Ferdinand Marcos, exiled in Hawaii, still claims leadership of the Philippines and continues to direct his party, urging non-recognition of Mrs Corason Aquino, the man who was his Labour Minister, Mr Blas Ople, said yesterday.

"Mr Marcos continues to send advice and guidance by phone," Mr Ople told the Manila Bulletin.

He said Mr Marcos considers himself head of a legitimate government in exile and believes the United States, where he is seeking political asylum, should accord him the "courtesies and immunities" of a head of state.

Mr Marcos's 20-year-old regime was toppled last month in a military revolt and popular uprising which forced the 68-year-old leader to flee the country.

An official of the newly created Committee on Good Government estimated Mr Marcos's personal fortune "at no less than \$5 billion (£3.6 billion) and rising daily as we uncover more documents" in the hurriedly vacated presidential palace and "safe houses" around Manila.

A member of the committee headed by former Senator Jovito Salonga, once jailed by Mr Marcos, will fly next week to Hawaii to examine documents Mr Marcos brought with him and currently held by US Customs officials.

All assets of the Marcos family in the Philippines have been seized and the committee has frozen the private bank accounts of more than a dozen people associated with the ousted regime, the government radio said.

"I feel betrayed," was Mr Ople's response to reports of the huge fortune amassed by the man he served for 19 years as Labour Minister. He said he and many others were "shocked by the enormity of the hidden Marcos wealth."

"We are now confronted by stark evidence of hopes betrayed and trust violated and the evidence continues to accumulate, to unfold almost daily before the world's amazed eyes," Mr Ople said in a memorandum to the New Society Movement, the KBL, which Mr Marcos founded eight years ago.

Mr Ople announced he was severing all ties with Mr Marcos and urged his colleagues to do likewise.

From his Honolulu exile, Mr Marcos is in constant telephone contact with the former Prime Minister, Mr Cesar Virata, the KBL secretary-general, Mr Jose Rono and the National Assembly Speaker, Mr Nicanor Ynguez, urging them to withhold recognition of Mrs Aquino's government "because he has not resigned or abdicated," Mr Ople said.

"This creates a situation in which President Aquino is practically impelled not to recognize a (parliamentary) majority apparently conspiring with a rival government abroad to topple her from power," Mr Ople told the KBL leadership.

Mr Ople said that in a telephone conversation with Mr Marcos on Saturday evening he asked the former president to desist from trying to run the KBL by "remote control" from Hawaii.

The KBL, which controls two-thirds of the National Assembly, has refused to nullify its earlier proclamation that Mr Marcos won the disputed February 7 poll but has said it recognizes the legitimacy of Mrs Aquino's two-week-old administration.

With a "people's mandate" Mrs Aquino has chosen to order Parliament and today will preside over her first Cabinet meeting to discuss whether she should proclaim a revolutionary government, abolish the Assembly and order the drafting of a new constitution before holding legislative and local elections.

In the far southern province of Lanao del Sur, meanwhile, the local political warlord, an ally of Mr Marcos - has fled to the hills with 500 heavily armed followers after he was sacked by the Aquino government.

Swiss to vote on joining the UN

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Swiss will decide in a national referendum next Sunday whether their country, with its policy of "permanence and armed neutrality", should at long last become a full member of the United Nations.

The indications are that a majority will disregard the advice of Parliament and Government and say "no".

One reason is apprehension that involvement in UN political processes would be prejudicial to the humanitarian endeavours of the International Committee of the Red Cross, with which Switzerland is so firmly identified.

Another is a deep conviction that a nation as well served by neutrality as this one - and its banks - should simply stay steady and prosperous on its traditional course.

Arguments that remain outside the 159-member world organization is to avoid a universal moral responsibility have been largely unavailing against the wariness with which the public regard much of the prospect beyond their own frontiers.

However, with the notable exception of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, this has not prevented Swiss membership of most UN specialized agencies.



A poster urging Swiss voters to join the UN on Sunday.

Geneva gun check-up

Geneva - Acting on a tip-off that some delegates to the UN Human Rights Commission carry guns, officials have installed metal detectors at the Palais des Nations conference hall (Alan McGregor writes).

"In principle, nobody is allowed to carry a weapon in the palais, though permission to do so has been granted under exceptional circumstances, such as the visit of a prominent personality at risk from opponents," an official said. "No such permission has been applied for in this instance."

Tussle for control of Begin party erupts into brawl

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The first and probably decisive round in the battle for control of the Herut party was narrowly won at dawn yesterday by supporters of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the party leader, who is due to take over as Prime Minister in October.

But in the process this first convention of Herut since 1979 was turned into a public brawl, seriously damaging the responsible image Mr Menachem Begin tried to create for the right-wing party when he became Prime Minister in 1977.

The convention has shown that the party remains deeply and even violently split between the supporters of Mr Shamir and those who prefer the headline, radical approach of Mr David Levy or Mr Ariel Sharon, the controversial tough man of Israeli politics.

The one person to emerge so far with any obvious hope of uniting the two warring factions has been Mr Benjamin Begin, the former Prime Minister's son, who has now publicly aligned himself with Mr Shamir's camp, apparently with the blessing of his father.

The convention's business began seven hours late on Monday as faction leaders delayed proceedings in a vain attempt to smooth out the differences before the meeting went public. But from the moment the session started Mr Levy, Deputy Prime Minister, and a rousing orator, leapt to the microphone to protest that 41 delegates had been disqualified "simply and solely because they support me."

Within minutes the big Tel Aviv conference hall erupted into a brawl. The Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Ronnie Milo, was knocked to the floor.

The rostrum collapsed into the crowd and a press photographer fell heavily, breaking his leg.

Man in the news

How a poor Sephardic immigrant made good

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

Mr David Levy always used to be good for a joke - like the one about the day he lost one of his 12 children in the mud but was not worried because he could always make another one.

Nobody laughs at Mr Levy these days, however. He has become one of the most serious figures in Israeli politics, and a possible candidate for the premiership.

His popular appeal lies in the reason so many jokes were told about him - he is the perfect example of how a poor, Sephardic immigrant can make good.

He was born at Rabat, Morocco, in 1937 and arrived in Israel in 1957 to live among the many migrants in the city of Bet Shean, in the Jordan valley. For 10 years he worked as a farm labourer and then a building worker, replacing his French with a flowery, pedantic Hebrew, and learning a deep resentment of the ruling Labour Party's attitude to immigrants like himself.

In 1967 he was elected to the city council and immediately became deputy chairman. He quickly became prominent in the Herut party as its spokesman in the Histadrut labour federation.

From there he secured a place high enough on the list of the Likud faction to win a seat in the Knesset.

When Mr Menachem Begin came to power in 1977, Mr Levy was made Immigration Minister. This was seen as nothing more than a token position for a Sephardic Jew to reward the many migrants who had voted Mr Begin into office.

But Mr Levy astonished the professional civil servants in his department with his administrative ability. In 1979 he was given the important job of Minister of Housing and Construction.

By the 1981 election his ability and popularity won him the number two place on the Likud list and he became Deputy Prime Minister, a position he still holds along with the Housing portfolio.

Although he adheres to the mainstream of Herut thinking about hanging on to all land now occupied by Israel, he does adopt a more independent, dovish line on occasions.

For example, alone among Likud ministers, he supported the plan to withdraw the Army from Lebanon in 1984. This was a populist position, in keeping with his flair for always seeming to know what the majority of voters really want.

That flair has brought him something close to adoration from his growing army of followers, who are sure that sooner or later he will become the first poor Sephardic immigrant to run the country.



Mr David Levy: tipped as candidate for premiership.

Masonic cover for Mafia

From John Earle, Rome

Palermo's Freemasons have been alerted by the discovery that when police raided a lodge in the city centre they found several Mafia leaders among its membership of prominent magistrates, lawyers, businessmen and other professional people.

Although the investigations are officially secret, the news has been leaked that one member is Signor Salvatore Greco, known as "The Senator" and a brother of Signor Michele Greco, "The Pope", who is one of the key defendants in the Palermo trial of more than 400 alleged Mafiosi. Signor Salvatore Greco is in hiding, as is his cousin and another member of the lodge, Signor Toto Greco.

The investigations were triggered by a tip-off about the transatlantic drug traffic from the Drug Enforcement Agency in Miami, Florida.

Museveni silences politicians

Kampala (Reuters) - President Museveni has banned all political activity in a move aimed at bringing stability to war-ravaged Uganda.

He warned armed groups opposed to his Government not to challenge his rule or it would give him "a chance to crush them forever," Radio Uganda reported yesterday.

Mr Museveni, leader of the National Resistance Army (NRA), took power in Kampala on January 26 and his troops have since managed to extend their control to most of the country. They captured the northern town of Gulu on Saturday.

Nairobi: President Museveni has to overcome the last pockets of resistance by soldiers loyal to the former Uganda regime (Charles Harrison writes). He wants to make a start on the rehabilitation of large areas which were devastated during five years of guerrilla war.

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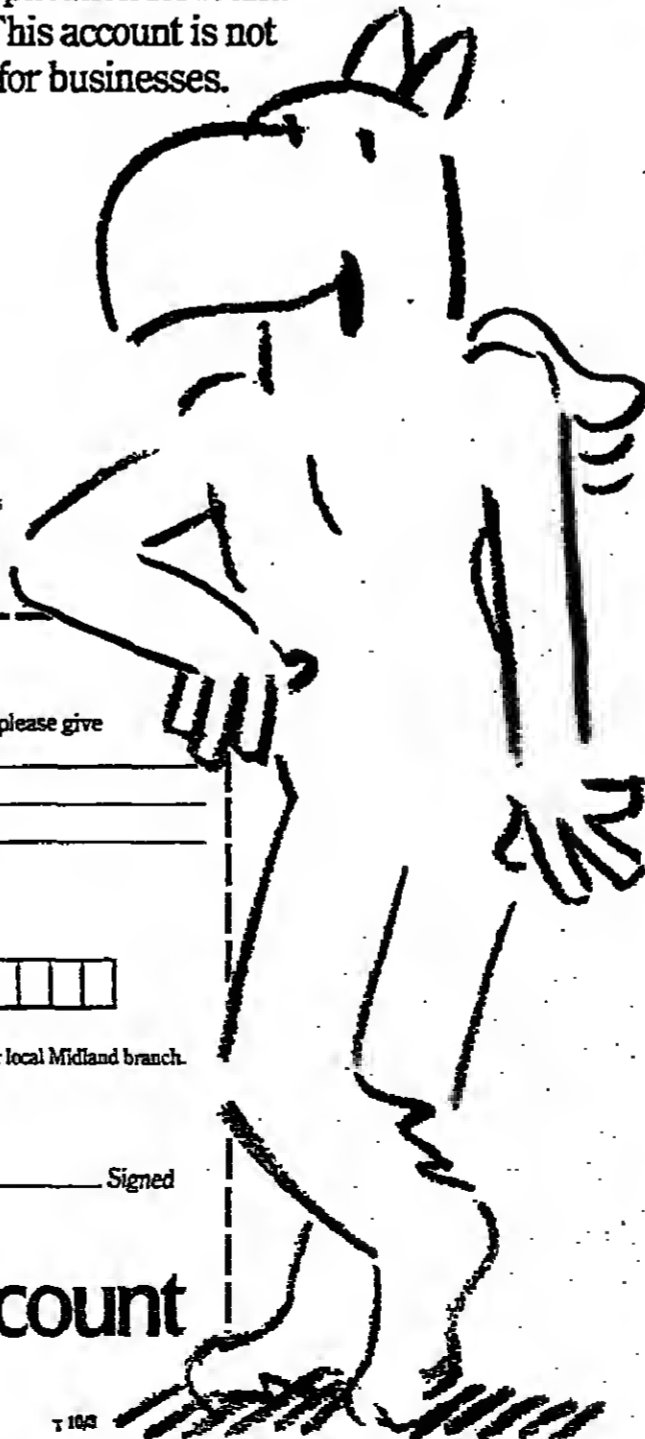
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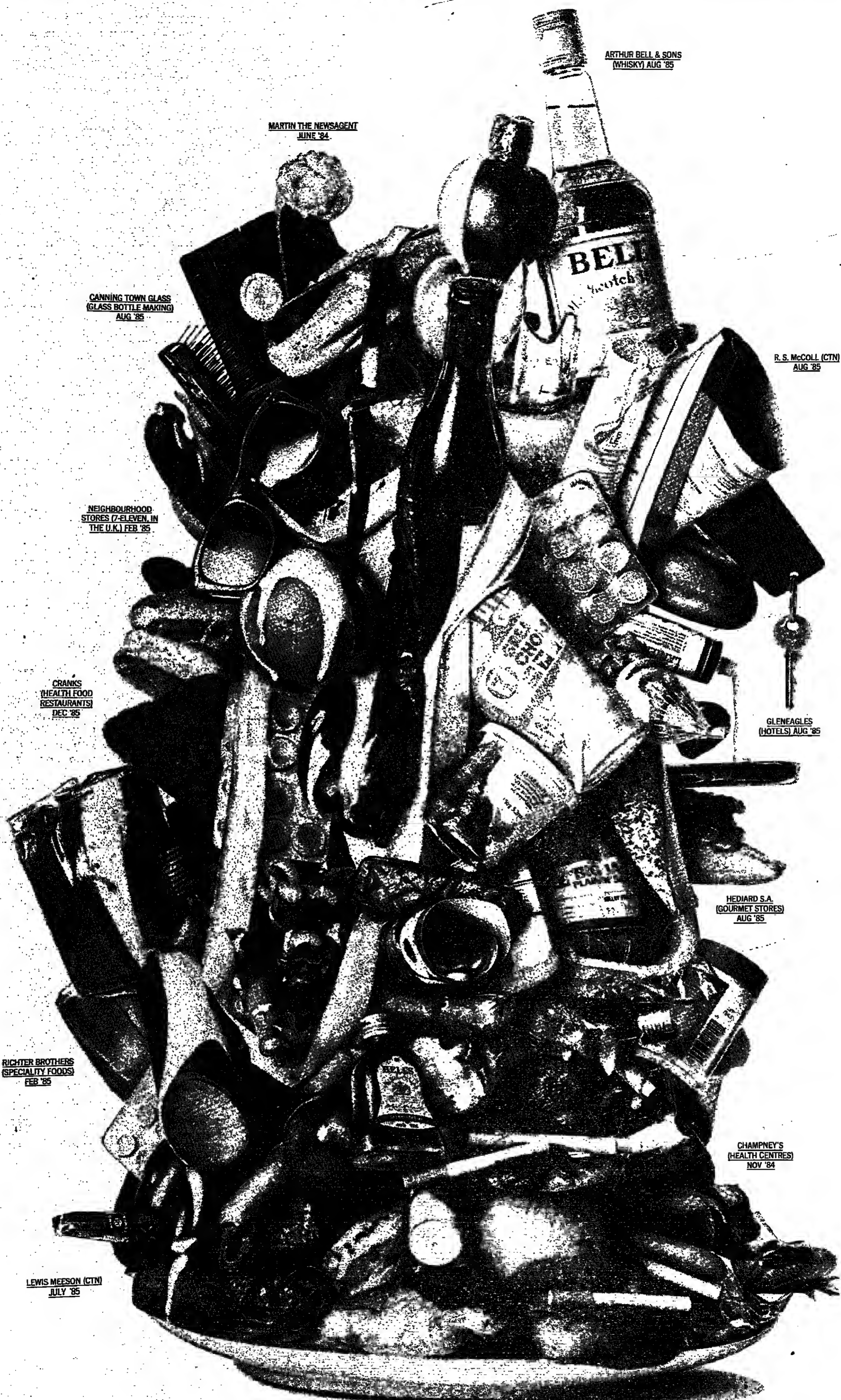


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Spaniards decide today on future of Nato membership

González puts his faith in the undecided voters

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spanish voters will indicate today whether they want their country to remain a member of the North Atlantic Alliance or pull out in a referendum unique in Nato's 36-year history. Some 28 million Spaniards over 18 are eligible to vote.

Security forces have been placed on maximum alert for the day.

Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, closed a fortnight's campaigning at midnight on Monday with an appeal to his still undecided fellow-countrymen to "come down finally on the side of 'Yes'".

This would save Spain from an uncertain future, he said, and from estrangement from her new EEC partners.

But the Government has promised to regard the people's verdict as binding.

After a *vote face* on defence policies, the three-year-old Socialist Government still faces the "No" votes of pacifists, Communists and extreme right-wingers. To add to its troubles, the parliamentary opposition, though fervent supporters of Nato, is calling for an abstention and boycott.

The phrasing of the referendum question, the opposition maintains, would rule out integration into Nato's command structures (see panel).

"The Europeans want us, for the first time they have shown it. I want to show solidarity, sharing a project to unite with the free peoples of Europe to guarantee peace," the Prime Minister told 6,000 party stalwarts in Madrid's Sports Palace.

Neutrality was not the issue, Señor González said to a crescendo of applause. "The option is to construct peace with the Europeans and I do not want Spain set apart."

Although he mentioned peace countless times, and heavily linked EEC membership with Spain in the alliance, he did not forget to appeal to nationalist sentiment.

Public opinion poll experts were saying yesterday that there might be surprises after last week's severe jolt for the Government, partly because of the Prime Minister's marathon efforts and partly because the outcome was not likely to follow party lines.

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The question to be put

The Government considers it advisable in the national interest for Spain to remain in the Atlantic alliance and has laid down this should be under the following conditions:

1. Spain's participation in the alliance will not include incorporation into the integrated military structure.
2. The ban on the installation, storage and introduction of nuclear arms on Spanish territory will be maintained.
3. There will be a progressive reduction in the US military presence in Spain.



Señor Felipe González making his final appeal for a "Yes" vote as the opposition's hot air balloon puts over its message.



Secret talks bring hope of end to Sri Lanka turmoil

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Some progress has been made towards a political settlement of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka during confidential talks in Colombo.

The idea of contacts between the Tamils and the Government is so sensitive that both sides have firmly denied they are taking place.

The talks have been between the Minister for National Security, Mr Lalith Atbalahmudali, and Mr Neelan Tiruchelvam, a former MP of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF).

Like Mr Athulathmudali, Mr Tiruchelvam is a Harvard-educated lawyer. He is the only former MP of the TULF in Colombo; most of the party's politburo is now residing in Madras in India.

The most that either side will say for the record is that confidential contacts have taken place between representatives of the Government and the TULF under the auspices of the Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka to clarify the issues dividing them.

When pressed, either side will say only that the two men have run into each other at weddings and funerals.

But the talks have in fact covered the three main divisive issues: the idea of linkage between a northern and an eastern province in a devolved system of government; the extent of local control over police matters that will be devolved; and the problem of government-assisted land settlement, particularly in the Eastern Province.

If agreement could be reached on these, the main ethnic problem would be on the road to solution, and an end to the bitter fighting between Tamil militants and the Government, and clashes between government troops and civilians would be possible.

The most progress was made on law and order. TULF proposals submitted last December to the peace talks in Thimpu, the capital of Bhutan, envisage total local control.

This would not immediately satisfy the Tamils but could be the basis of further discussions.

Eight die as Tamils fall out U-turn by Swiss on refugees

Colombo - A gunfight between two factions of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation in a hospital canteen in the northern Sri Lankan town of Jaffna yesterday left at least two bystanders dead. Six rebels were killed (Michael Hamlyn writes).

The warring parties carried their own casualties away, leaving behind the mangled bodies of a nurse and a local magistrate.

The organization's gunmen have made a habit recently of basing themselves at the hospital to protect any casualties brought in from encounters with the military in the region.

The army in general does not operate within Jaffna, nor indeed throughout the northern peninsula, where the guerrilla gangs have more or less free rein.

No reason for the shooting was immediately apparent in Jaffna yesterday.

News of it reached Colombo as President Jayewardene was welcoming President Li Xiaonian of China on a state visit.

President Li left Bangladesh, the first country of his tour, yesterday and will go on to Egypt, Somalia and Madagascar when he leaves here on Friday.

Switzerland has repealed the administrative order preventing repatriation of Tamils whose request for political asylum has been rejected.

"One cannot speak of a general persecution of Tamils, nor of a real civil war even if the situation in the north and east of Sri Lanka remains critical," it was officially said.

Repatriation will, however, be on a case-by-case basis to ensure that individuals returning will not be endangered. During a six-week period Tamils will be free to leave for any country of their choice.

After that, they will be repatriated singly or in small groups. Once they are back in Sri Lanka, they will be encouraged to keep in contact with the Swiss Embassy or its representative to ascertain what is happening to them.

If necessary they will also receive the equivalent of £30 a month for three months to aid their resettlement.

Of 320 asylum requests from Tamils so far examined, 30 have been accepted. Another 5,000 applications are outstanding.

EEC urges Japan to curb surplus

From Richard Owen, Brussels

European foreign ministers yesterday urged Japan to take prompt measures to relieve the "increasing strain" caused by its trade surplus, and agreed to set up "regular and detailed joint monitoring" with Tokyo.

But like previous EEC warnings and pleas to Tokyo, the statement lacked teeth. It came against a background of EEC financial problems as European finance ministers, in a parallel meeting, failed to resolve the budget crisis and postponed action until next month.

Britain is this week seeking an injunction in the European Court of Justice to block "illegal" extra spending voted last December by the European Parliament. Lawyers presenting Britain's case said the additional spending would cost Britain alone £70 million, which could pay for hospitals or schools. A judgement is expected on Friday.

Speaking on EEC trade policy, Mr Alan Clark, the British Trade Minister, said the statement on Japanese exports and dumping would have been "even more unambiguous" if Britain had not insisted on specific targets and timetables for Japanese concessions over imports of Scotch and other inhibited goods.

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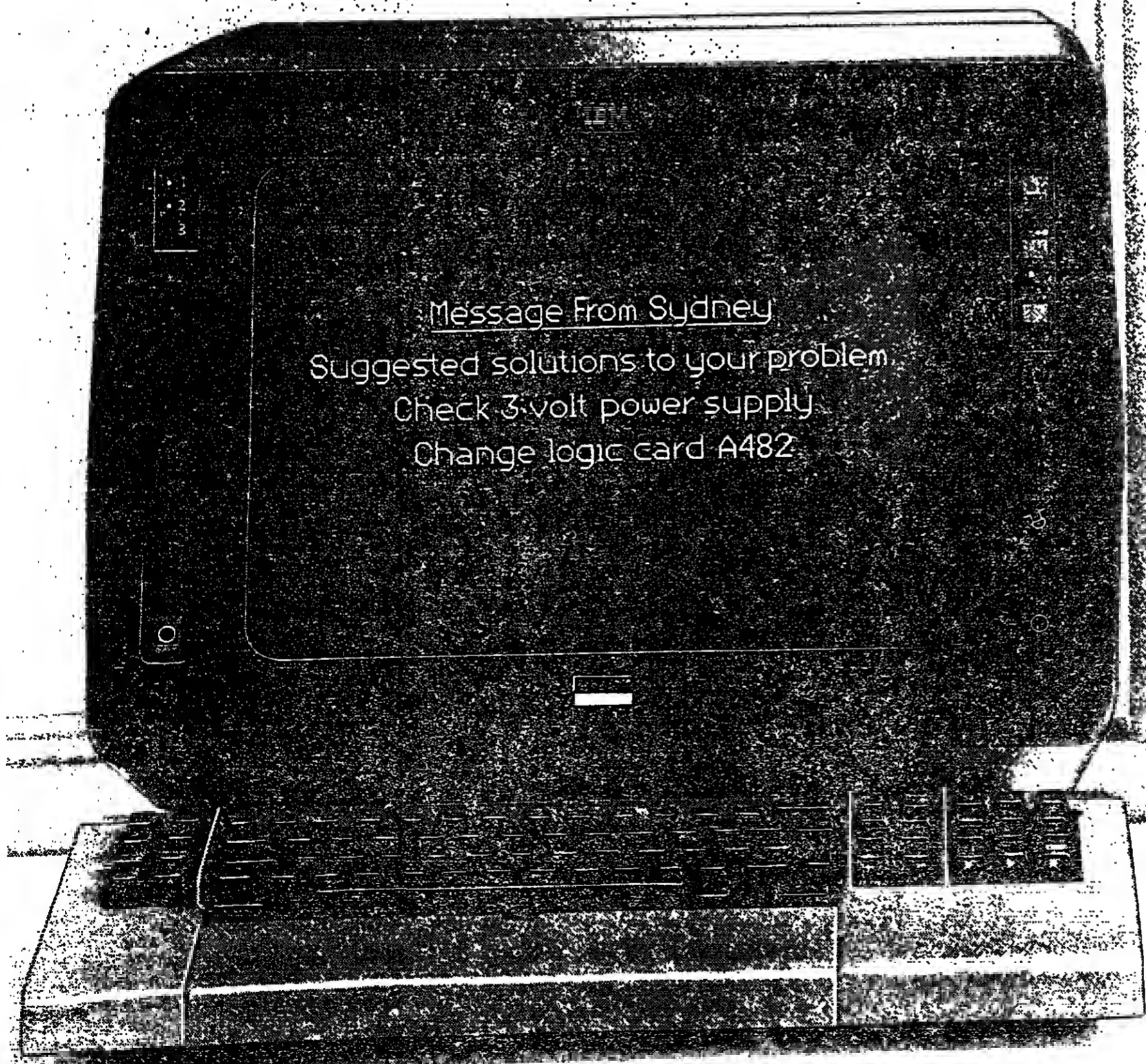
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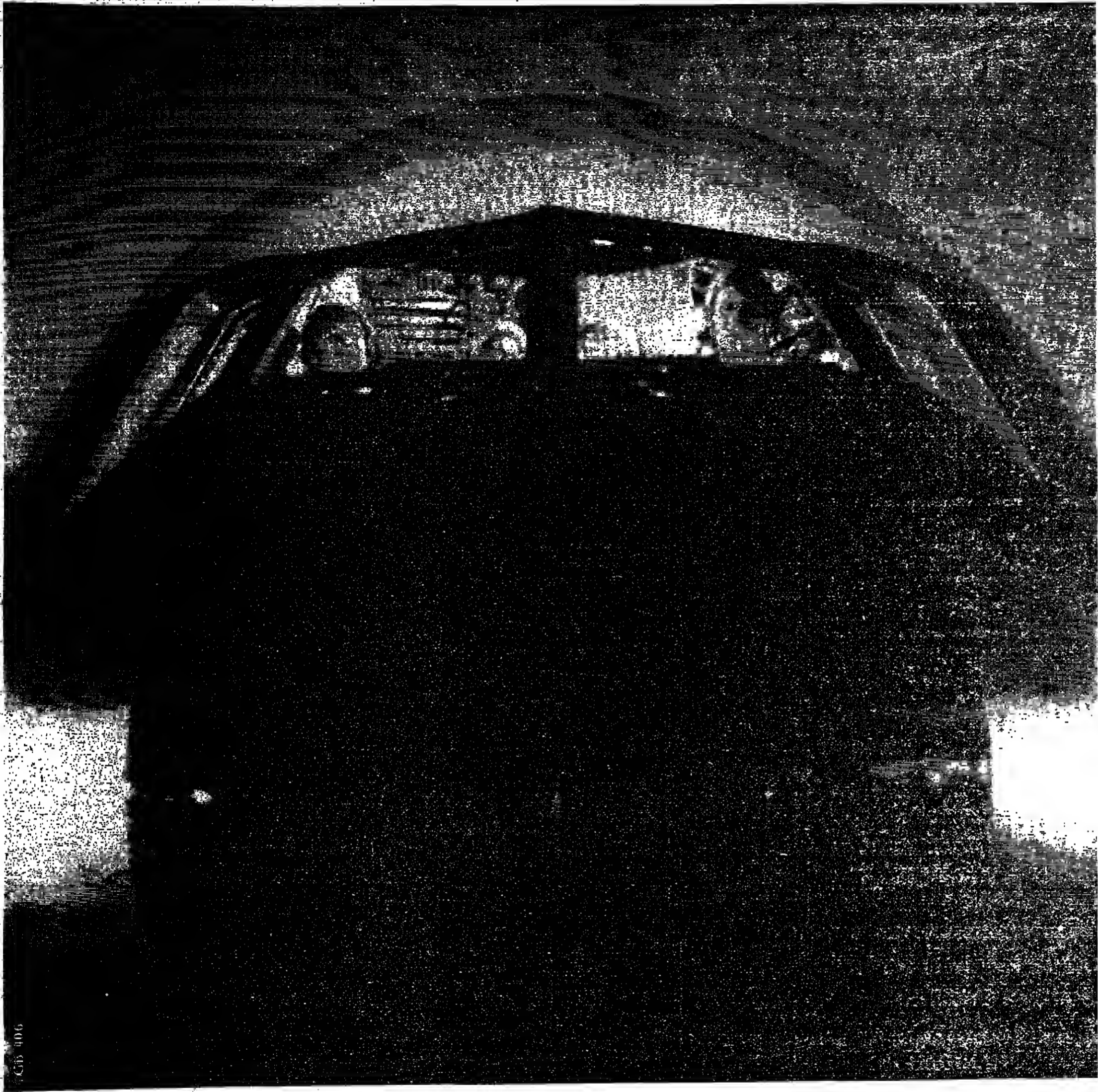


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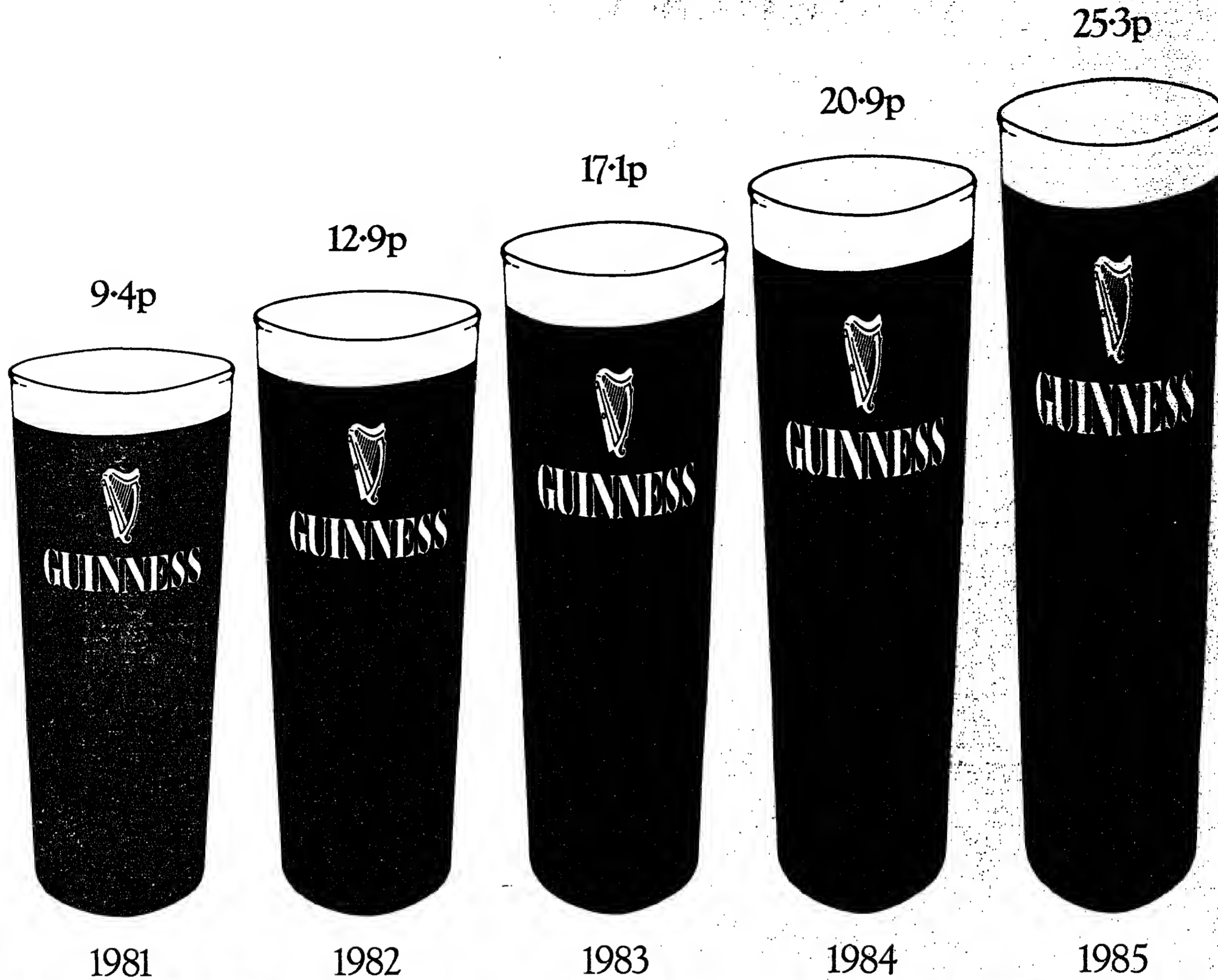
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March 12, 1986

By Edward Fennell

The need to back the future

When the engineering industry's top decision-makers get together at the Winning Margin Conference on March 23 and 24, it is not going to be a ritual back-slapping event. After decades of difficulty the prevailing mood in the industry is one of grim determination.

The fight to regain prestige and market share has a long way to go. The regeneration of the engineering base, with its need for investment in new technology and new skills, is still in its early stages.

Consequently, there is little chance of complacency from Lord Young, Norman Willis or captains of industry, such as Sir Francis Tombs, John Egan and Sir Dennis Rooke, when they address their audience of fellow industrialists on the crucial need for investment in engineering training. Instead there will be calls for action already long overdue.

High-powered drive for greater commitment

Bill Friggens, of the Engineering Industry Training Board (EITB), which is organizing the conference, says: "With some notable exceptions, the industry has not got a good record on training. It is our aim to bring this truth home to the audience and encourage them to do something about it."

For the board, the conference represents a "coordinated attack on complacency at the top of our key engineering companies: it is the start of a high-powered, high-profile and sometimes controversial campaign to lead the engineering industry to a new

level of commitment to training. The background to the conference is bleak. During the past couple of years there have been important reports from organizations such as the Manpower Services Commission and the National Economic Development Office, which demonstrate that compared with our more successful trading rivals, we spend little on training. The relationship between a well-trained, well-qualified work force and profitability has been demonstrated irrefutably.

Yet somehow the message has not been acted on. "There has been consistent shortsightedness based on expediency, which has led to the running-down of training programmes. In the year since 1978, for example, training in engineering has fallen significantly. There is now less training per person than at any time in recent history. And despite the skills crisis in electronics and information technology, there is still no widespread sense of urgency."

That is the problem the Winning Margin Conference will tackle. It is also the problem the training board tackles every day. As the Government-appointed body with the responsibility for setting standards and monitoring training, it is not in a comfortable position. Inevitably some of the blame for the failure to train has rubbed off on the board.

Yet in practice it has little power to go out and change things directly. "At the end of the day," says Mr Friggens, "it is the individual engineering companies which makes the decisions on investing in training. All we can do at the board is to encourage them, persuade them and then provide the training expertise on how best to do it."

Though the position is far from

satisfactory, there are grounds for hope. The new realism that runs through many companies has also focussed attention on the significance of training. In particular, the introduction of advanced technology has meant that many companies have been faced, inescapably, with the need to train and equip staff with the skills needed to operate the new systems. (At Austin Rover for example, training has played a crucial part in the overall strategy of introducing automation and computerized systems.)

The EITB has set up new advanced-technology training, which is specifically geared to helping companies meet their new skill requirements. And this is just one part of the regained confidence and determination which increasingly characterizes the policies of the board. A corporate business plan has just been drawn up which identifies the key issues facing the industry and lays down an agenda

Updating of skills is vital throughout a company

for action.

Pennaot Jones a senior officer with the board and a veteran of its many ups-and-downs, commented: "There is a new zest and excitement in the board...with clear objectives and a feeling that we're on our way up again."

From the board's viewpoint, just as much as the industry's, the last 13 years have not been easy. The situation has been complicated by successive changes in its funding arrangements (alternately from industry to government and back to industry again) accompanied by ma-

ior reviews of whether it should exist at all.

That it has survived and is now set for a dynamic future reflects the fact that there have been a number of achievements as well as setbacks. For example, the EITB was the first training body to lay down precise standards for craft and technician level training and led the move away from traditional "time-serving" apprenticeships.

It also pioneered the concept that training was not, by itself, enough, but that it should be seen as part of long-term manpower planning and take account of a company's strategic skill needs. Furthermore the board has campaigned for training for managers, supervisors and shop-floor workers, underlining the fact that the up-dating of skills is necessary at all levels of a company.

The board hopes to forge a closer relationship between its craft and technician apprenticeship system and the Government's Youth Training Scheme. It still needs to work out the sometimes-conflicting jobs of both leading and serving the engineering industry on training matters but the path-finding work it is now doing in areas such as surface-mount technology suggests that leadership through example will increasingly be its style.

The Engineering Careers Information Service is a major service of the EITB and has for years been the standard-bearer for the industry in the classrooms, lecture theatres and careers libraries of the nation's schools. If the EITB's achievements match its ambitions, the ECIS's job of spreading the good news about British engineering to the country's young people should be made a lot easier.



Computer integrated technology - CIM - has been called the most promising technology of the late 20th century and Cranfield Institute of Technology has founded a CIM institute at its Bedfordshire campus to research and teach the subject. Above, Simon McGrath, right, works in the robotics laboratory with the institute's associate professor.

On the button at Cranfield

Dr Peter Sackett, IBM is providing the institute with £3 million for computer hardware, software and other help. Dr Sackett said the institute already has 200 post-graduate students, who will carry out

work of "direct relevance" to their industrial sponsors. He added: "Computer integrated manufacture creates the means for manufacturing companies to achieve a competitive market position. The CIM masters-degree programme will provide young engineers able to realize the current and future potential of this rapidly changing technology."

Frontal attack on the snobbish

Rebels usually come down from the hills. But it is from the sixth floor of the Department of Employment that the Secretary of State, Lord Young, keynote speaker at the EITB's Winning Margin conference, decides to lead his personal revolt against generations of entrenched privilege and prejudice.

With great vigour he campaigns against what he sees as the harmful social attitudes of the British - Gentlemanliness (with its hostility to industry), Academic Snobbishness (which despises the "applied") and the doctrine of Effortless Superiority (which disdains to sweat or train hard).

Together these factors have sapped the will to make Britain a successful manufacturing and trading nation.

Other countries, of course, are not subject to these influences. Lord Young says: "Before the First World War the University of Birmingham,



Lord Young: Campaigning



Bill Friggens: 'Bad record'

going against the trend, set up a course in business management. Unfortunately it attracted few recruits from local industry. However it was very popular with students from overseas who flocked to it - including a particular large contingent from Japan.

"This was over 70 years ago, so attitudes have not changed much since."

British industry is now trying desperately to recover from this history of neglect. Because the task is so enormous Lord Young is a man in a hurry.

He says: "In the past four

years we've introduced the Youth Training Scheme for 16 and 17 year-old school-leavers, the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative for 14 to 18 year-olds, and we now have our major Review of Vocational Qualifications. These are major achievements in such a short time."

All three are vital to create the kind of mobile, skilled (and re-skilled) workforce needed to keep abreast of the changing demands of manufacturing industry.

Now that so many big organizations are backing the new two-year scheme, the signs are that it is achieving acceptance and credibility.

Companies such as ICI, which originally came in, on some of their sites, purely for social reasons are beginning to take trainees into proper permanent jobs. Meanwhile, where engineering is concerned, the EITB is giving its backing to YTS.

Lord Young points with satisfaction to the increasing number of young people showing interest in the possibilities of self-employment and starting small businesses.

In higher education he welcomes moves by institutions such as Salford and Aston Universities and Cranfield Institute of Technology to set up closer links with industry and to run courses that respond to the needs of the marketplace.

Yet this, in his view, is just the smallest start. At a broader level many of his hopes are now focused on the comprehensive Review of Vocational Qualifications by Oscar de

Laurens. It will, Lord Young hopes, lay down a framework for recognizing skills and competencies across all industries and for all ages - including, perhaps at a later stage, a network of centres of competence (rather like driving test centres) where people could be tested in vocational skills and be awarded a certificate which recognized their skills.

Changing attitudes and setting up the institutional infrastructure to make it all happen will take time. The Government, of course, does not expect to do it all. Lord Young agrees with the co-conclusions of the Coopers and Lybrand report *A Challenge to Complacency* that "it will not be easy to persuade employers to invest in training".

There are no signs though that his energy is flagging. Complacent Gentility will be under siege for as long as Lord Young holds office.

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Open learning is developing fast in this country. It has been taken up on an experimental basis by most leading companies and has quickly won praise and enthusiastic participants.

Not only does it get over many of the logistical problems which have handicapped traditional training methods, it has shown that it can make a key contribution to up-dating skills and introducing people to new technology, to computers, and to management training.

Pioneering open learning in Britain has been the Open Tech Unit of the Manpower Services Commission. With a £46 million budget, it has set more than 100 "model" open-learning schemes and involved leading companies such as Trust House Forte, Austin Rover, ICI and Lucas.

In most cases that will also include some tutorial support. Though there are many practical differences between the "open tech" and the Open University, they share the belief that you cannot dispense completely with the human teacher.

Probably the clearest sign that open learning has reached take-off point is that the first big conference and exhibition on open learning, Spring Open, is being held at the Novotel Exhibition Centre at Hammersmith, west London, on April 29 and 30.



Co-operation: British student, Japanese instructor at the Matsushita technical centre

Secrets that put Japan in the Olympic class

It is now accepted that you cannot transplant Japanese methods wholesale into the social and cultural climate of the United Kingdom. But Japan can still teach us a lot, and that includes training.

Colin Leahy, managing director at Matsushita's Cardiff plant, which produces telephones, television sets and stereo systems, can point quickly to one idea which could produce quick results. "In Japan," he says, "graduate engineers spend the first few years of their career on the shop floor. Only in that way can they really understand how their designs will be built."

The rewards of such industrial training were apparent when Britain competed with 19 other top industrial nations in the International Skill Olympics in Osaka last year. Japan won either a gold or silver medal in each of the nine categories (Korea actually fared better). Britain failed to win one medal.

And as it happened, the competition was held in the local-and-overseas training school of the Matsushita company, which many Britons have attended to update and sharpen their technical skills.

How Britain puts the vim in CIM

All the signs are that 1986 is going to become the year of CIM. The acronym stands for computer integrated manufacturing but, unlike its cousins such as CAD, CAM, and CAE, CIM is being immediately distinguished by having a number of centres and institutes set up in its name.

A CIM institute has been launched at Cranfield Institute of Technology, with money from IBM, under the direction of Sir Henry Chilver and a centre is being opened soon at Kingston Polytechnic near London. And there are CIM developments at Warwick University (also funded by IBM).

The two Glasgow universities — Strathclyde and Glasgow — are also expected to take a leading role in CIM developments stimulated by the proximity of the IBM manufacturing plant at Greenock.

CIM's importance however is not just marked by the growth of academic establishments specializing in its study.

The need for CIM expertise is also being emphasized with increasing frequency in job advertisements as well as being underlined by articles in magazines like the Design Council's Design Engineer. CIM is not just the technological flavour of the month. CIM is the future.

The flurry of excitement and anxiety caused by CIM represents, perhaps, the end of the age of innocence about

computers, robotics, and automation.

As Professor Wilfred Heginbotham (until recently director general of the Production Engineering Research Association) commented: "Robots will show up, often crucially, the inadequacies of production systems and their human architects".

Rather than computers solving companies' problems at a key-stroke, they have added to the confusion, especially when introduced in an uncoordinated way. But managers now know that if implemented correctly, information technology can bring them great benefits. But introduced in an ad-hoc, piecemeal and badly planned way, they simply lead to endless mismatches between irreconcilable systems.

In brief, computer integrated manufacturing ties together all these isolated "islands of automation" and brings them into a coherent unity. Production, warehousing, deliveries, orders, finance and even personnel can be woven together into an efficient coordinated system.

But of course doing this is not easy. It requires a level of expertise that not many managers possess. Already there is a great skills shortage, which is holding up the move towards making our manufacturing as efficient as our overseas' counterparts.

If British industry is going to make the most of its investment in robots and computers it must develop managers who are well-versed in the CIM disciplines.

So far Kingston and Cranfield are furthest down the line of getting their operations going. At Cranfield they

The thrust of the centre will be to provide a service for industrial clients

will be offering a variety of short courses, supervising post-graduate research work sponsored by industrial clients, and also running formal MSc programmes.

Kingston's CIM Centre meanwhile is committed to a much more market-place approach, providing an all-round service of consultancy, research and development, training, conferences and information service. Though there will be some postgradu-

ate work, the thrust of the centre will be towards providing a service for industrial clients.

Rather than being an academic institution which does a bit of "industrial" work on the side it expects to be fully involved with its clients working alongside them often for years, as a partner in CIM.

Clearly the introduction of CIM is not going to be an overnight event. Professor Heginbotham has predicted that flexible, small-batch component-producing systems with just one shift in three manned by humans will be with us by 1995 but the first computer controlled and integrated, large-batch, total-manufacturing facilities will not be here until the end of the century.

Only by the year 2100 will unstaffed production facilities be widespread (which at least gives some time to prepare for the social consequences).

Whatever the difficulties, however, the commercial incentives to introduce CIM are going to be enormous.

And that is why the function of the new CIM initiatives will be so important.

There are thousands of electrical, electronic, mechanical and production engineers (not to mention a vast army of general managers) who need training in what CIM means and how to implement it successfully.

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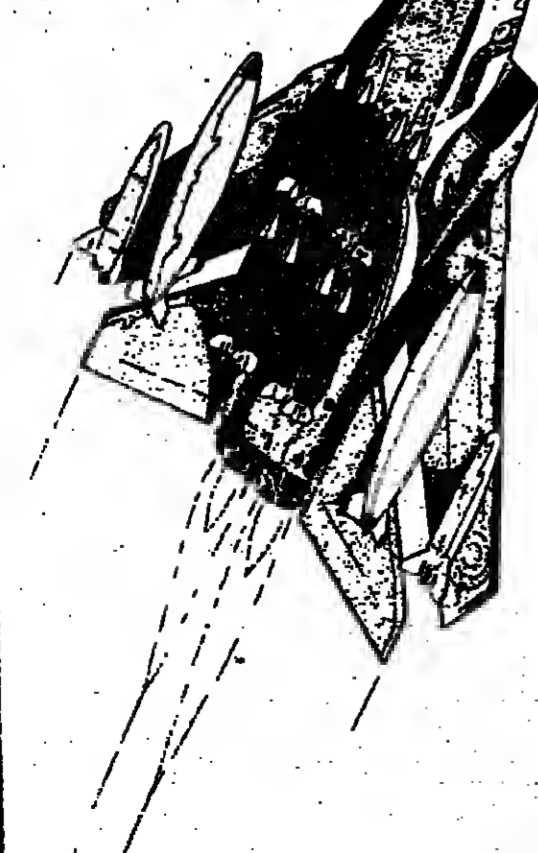
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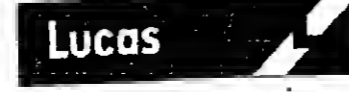
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CRICKET

Botham out for single as he is drawn fatally to Marshall

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

The second Test match between England and West Indies...

Botham failed again on what is becoming for him a thoroughly unhappy tour...

With fast shooters coming along every two or three overs...

Ranatunga's defiance fails to halt Pakistan

Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets at the final one-day international...

The opener, Kuruppu and Ranatunga were out for 13 when Kuruppu was caught by the wicketkeeper Zulqarnain...

hour without too many alarms. Then luck, or ill luck, took a hand...

Poor Botham, under enormous pressure to succeed...

Full of form and confidence, he might have played no stroke at the ball...

ball left him sharply off the pitch. Botham was a sad sight making his way back...

Soon afterwards Willey received a virtually unplayable ball, a fast breakthrough...

Needing 223 to make West Indies bat again, England got them just before lunch with a low snuck for four by Ellison...

Excuses could be found for Ellison. The ball which Willey received was one...

BOXING: WITHERSPOON MUST DEFEND HIS WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST TUBBS AGAIN



Taking it on the chin: Hagler on the receiving end of a crippling right in Las Vegas

Hagler's retirement threat causes stir

Las Vegas (Agencies) Marvellous Marvin Hagler started the boxing world by announcing that his successful world middleweight title defence against John Paul Mugabi...

Bruno looks to September

Frank Bruno, the World Boxing Association No 1 challenger, looks certain to get his chance of boxing for the world title in September...

IN BRIEF

Team snooker finds a willing sponsor (Barry Pekthall writes) The race committee had not expected the 80-foot Bruce Farr...

RUGBY UNION

Teams for final round take shape (David Hands) Both England and Scotland will confirm today their teams for the final round of the five nations' championship...

Team snooker finds a willing sponsor

World Team Cup snooker is thriving again, thanks to a £50,000 sponsorship from Carreras. The event will take place at the International Centre in Bournemouth from March 20 to 23...

Loughborough poised for historic victory

Today may represent a coming of age for Loughborough students. They are challenging for their 21st victory in the Universities Athletic Union (U.A.U.) competition...

Ballesteros turns down US stableford

Severiano Ballesteros has turned down an offer to contest the first million-dollar tournament to be played under the stableford scoring system in America...

Preston next in line

University and College Rugby League Association to book a place in the first students' World Cup to be staged in New Zealand in August next year...

Boyle banned

Steve Boyle, Moseley's British Lions lock forward who was sent off against Newcaston last week for butting an opponent, has been banned from the Reddings for a month...

The ace is the pack

The London have made one change for the Hospitals' Cup final against St Mary's. The London forwards were instrumental in winning the semi-final match with St Thomas's...

Scottish team

The Scottish Golf Union team to meet Italy in an amateur international in Rome on April 15 and 16 is David Carrick (Douglas Park), George Macgregor (Glengorse) Allan Thomson (Ayr), Cecil Bloice (Phulochry) Colin Brooks (Glen Gairn) and Kenn Walker (Roval Burgess).

Moves aim at stifling a controversial situation

Two attempts were made yesterday to defuse or delay the controversy which threatens to detract from the world's best-known tournament, the All-England Championships sponsored by Yonex...

Long distance planning of the long distance runner is rewarding for Britain

Late starter finds place out in front. If Charlie Spedding never won another race or medal in a major championship, he would still have done enough to be considered one of his generation...

Badminton

Morten Frost, the London-based Dane, who is the favourite, Kursten Larsen, of Denmark, may have been helped by the withdrawal with a leg injury of the former champion, Goh Vong Soon...

GOLF

Severiano Ballesteros has turned down an offer to contest the first million-dollar tournament to be played under the stableford scoring system in America. It is also likely that all of the other European Ryder Cup golfers will have to miss the event...

Pat Butcher

Accordingly, the next target is the Commonwealth Games marathon in Edinburgh on August 2. Spedding has already been selected for England on the basis of his second place behind Steve Jones, a Welshman, in last year's London Marathon.

FOOTBALL

Barnsley sack Glavin. Barnsley have dismissed their popular player and youth team coach Ronnie Glavin because they can no longer afford to pay his wages. Barnsley were badly hit by the miners' strike and this season's low crowds have resulted in them losing £3,500 a week. The recent long lay-off because of the weather has made matters worse.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FA Cup: Sixth round. Sheffield Wed v West Ham Utd. Sixth round replay. Everton v Luton. Milk Cup: Semi-final, second leg. Oxford United v Aston Villa. First division: Leicester City v Birmingham. Second division: North v Huddersfield. Third division: Reading v Walsall. York v Bristol Rovers.



Spedding ignores setbacks

FOOTBALL

Davenport's dream turns sour for team in the red

When Peter Davenport makes his debut for Manchester United against Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Saturday a dream will have come true for his father, Charles Davenport, who is a lifelong United supporter.

Santana picks three new caps

Never in the past 30 years have Brazil and West Germany, who between them have won five of the 12 World Cup competitions, been in such a state of flux a mere two and a half months before the start of the finals.

Hughes banned by UEFA for two games

The Wales forward, Mark Hughes, will miss both of next season's European championship qualifying games against Finland.

Villa are ready to make amends, Turner says

Graham Turner, the Aston Villa manager, believes his troubled side will get things right tonight to earn a place at Wembley in the Milk Cup final.



Unreluctant debutant: Davenport will step from hallowed terrace to even more hallowed turf

has the ability. All I am asking him to do is to play as well for us as he did against us.

Worried Lincoln ask for support

Lincoln City could be out of business before the start of next season. The third division club have had three sections of their stadium condemned by a Government safety committee.

Finns change cup venue

Helsinki (Reuters) - The Finnish championships, Kuusysi Lahti, and have transferred the second leg of their European Cup quarter-final against Steaua Bucharest.

West German television's Mexico plan

Düsseldorf (AP) - The two West German television networks, ARD and ZDF, said yesterday that they plan to broadcast 39 games live from this summer's World Cup finals in Mexico.

Television hopes rise in Scotland

Scottish League officials will reopen negotiations today to restore football to television.

Monday's results

FA TROPHY: Third round, second replay: Wycombe 1, Luton 1. Fourth round: Southend 0, Exeter 1.

SQUASH RACKETS

Patience proves a virtue for Norman

Three years ago it seemed Ross Norman, the newly-crowned French Open champion, might never play squash again after sustaining crippling injuries in a parachute accident in Hampshire.

N Korea repeats demand

Tokyo (AP) - Kim Il Sung, the President of North Korea, renewed his country's demand to be joint hosts of the 1988 Olympic Games.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Widnes signing

Widnes has signed Steve Bayliss, the former St Helens, Fulham and Welsh international rugby league centre, as a free agent.

SKIING

Human blockade brings giant slalom to a halt

South Lake Tahoe, California - World Cup skiing is paying its annual March visit to North America, and the trouble that has dogged the circuit since December is still lagging long.

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TENNIS

Davis Cup upset blamed on crowd

Bonn (Reuters) - Usually Mexican spectators were being blamed for the defeat of last year's Davis Cup finalists in Mexico City on Monday.

HOCKEY

Cup delay suits Southgate

The competitions committee of the Hockey Association will meet in London today to decide the case of Southgate who has asked for a postponement of their fourth round Hockey Association Cup match against Wimbledon to be played on March 16.

WRAC defend inter-services championship

The Army play the Royal Air Force in the opening match of the women's inter-services championship at the United Services Ground, Portsmouth today (2.30).

ICE HOCKEY

Suspensions handed down

Toronto (AP) - The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) imposed suspensions of two to five games on five members of the Canadian Olympic side.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS: Wimbledon's first round: 1. Connors (USA) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 vs. 2. Wilander (SWE) 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

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Bobsline should bring an end to champion's reign

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Bodsworth Boy, the winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase for the past three years, is in the field again to defend his title. This time, though, I think that he will be beaten by BOBSLINE (nap).

The winner of the Arkle Challenge Trophy two years ago after that epic duel with the ill-fated Noddy's Ryde, Bobsline was greatly fancied to deprive Bodsworth Boy of the two-year-old's crown 12 months ago, but he made a characteristic mistake at the third last fence and fell. At the time he was going ominously well, and I remain convinced that he would have won had he stood up.

This time the big two enter the fray again on very different preparations. Whereas any selection is thought to be 100 per cent following successive victories at Down Royal and Naas in Ireland, Bodsworth Boy has not been seen in public since his history-making win in December. The two have met once already this season at Ascot where Bobsline's Cross came off the best by 10 lengths. Even an 4lb better terms, Arctic Stream should not manage to get revenge, although he must go close. Before that, Bolands Cross had won both his other races at Kempton easily and it will take a good race to topple him now.

A more open race than the Coral Golden Hurdle Final it would be hard to imagine. Having trained Willie Whittington to win this race three times in the past, Bobsline has a better grasp of the situation than Mrs 'Boy' Pilkington. So I give her useful mare, the aptly-named CORAL DELIGHT, a good chance of following in the wake of Whittington's after commendable performances at Warwick and Ascot before the freeze-up. At Warwick, she stayed on gamely to beat Ribelle, Gold Tycoon, Stalwart's Hymn, and the Tariaks.

The Man Himself, Mick's Star, and Motivator could turn out to be more troublesome than the ante-post favourite, Abandoned Warrior.

See You Then takes the last flight just ahead of Gaye Brief before racing card to win (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Then's companions included River Cairng, the 40-1 winner of the opening Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle and First Bout, who had finished a creditable eighth in the championship, this certainly proved to be work of considerable value. Any Lambourn optimist who had risked a £1 accumulator on the first five winners trained in his village would have netted £10,791 for his modest outlay. But judged by the expression of astonishment on Henderson's face after the first leg of his double, it would obviously have taken a bold man to have risked the wager. "I knew he was a decent horse in the making, but was a bit surprised by that," the trainer said after Smith Eccles had brought Cormorant Wood's half-brother home 15 lengths clear of the 4-1 favourite, Deep Idol. Owned and bred by Bobby McAlpine, River Cairng is like See You Then, bound for the Aintree Grand National meeting.

See You Then retains title with dazzling performance

By Michael Seely

On an afternoon when the Berkshire village of Lambourn swept the board by winning the first five races, See You Then proved himself to be one of the outstanding hurdlers of the post-war era with a dazzling exhibition of speed class in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle at a sun-drenched Cheltenham yesterday.

Sprinting clear up the final hill, the 5-6 favourite beat Gaye Brief, the 1983 winner, by seven lengths, exactly the same margin as last year. Now top quoted at 3-1 to become the first triple champion since Persian War, Nicky Henderson's brilliant six-year-old held the Templegate Hurdle at Liverpool as his next objective.

"He's a much better horse than last year," Steve Smith Eccles, the victorious jockey, said. "He's stronger and more mature. And, what's more, he'll be a fitter horse next time out."

The picture changed dramatically after the field jumped the third flight from home. The strongly-fancied Corporal Cinger had fallen at the previous hurdle, but at that point there was still eight horses fighting for the lead, including First Bout, Aspir, Cinnamon and Gaye Brief.

Finally, enough, that was my only worrying moment," Smith Eccles commented. "See You Then did not appear to be going too well, but then he suddenly came back on the bridge and I was then sure that we were going to win."

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CHELTHENHAM BBC

Televised: 2.15, 2.50, 3.30 (BBC2)

Table listing horse races such as 2.15 SUN ALLIANCE NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 1), 2.50 CORAL DELIGHT HANDICAP HURDLE, and 3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE.

Cheltenham results

Table listing race results for Cheltenham, including 2.15 WATERFORD CRYSTAL NOVICES HURDLE and 2.50 SUN ALLIANCE CHASE.

NEWTON ABBOT

Table listing race results for Newton Abbot, including 2.00 HARRY HAWK MAIDEN HURDLE and 2.35 JAN STEWER NOVICE CHASE.

EQUESTRIANISM

Green let down by her horse

Lucinda Green, the world three-day event champion, will not be defending her title at the world championships in Gawler, Australia, in May. Her horse, Regal Realis, has not been in the best of health since she took a tendon a month ago and Peter Scott Dunn, the official team vet, said yesterday that the 15-year-old horse had not responded to treatment and would not be ready in time to compete.

Fifth victory for Felton

Mike Felton rode his fifth winner of the season on Monday when Matt Murphy confirmed his two-year-old form in a division of the British race at the Bicester and Warden Hill point-to-point (Brian Brent writes).

Seedfield results

Table listing seedfield results for various races, including 2.30 (2m 4f) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th.

Cheltenham selections

Table listing Cheltenham selections for various races, including 2.15 Ten Plus, 2.50 BOBSLINE, and 3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE.

Newton Abbot selections

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Course specialists

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY 1/2

Why you should think twice before putting in a sauna or even a ballroom



Beware carrying out home improvements - for they may not turn out to improve the property and many are unlikely to improve the value of the house by the cost of the work undertaken.

Splashing out does not always pay off

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

This is a simple thesis, but it is necessary to emphasize it because a lot of people buy houses with that intention and are then disappointed, if not angry, when they find the work was largely in vain.

The trouble was that the house was not within easy access to London or the airports, although its appeal would normally be from the international market, and the layout of the house was such that it was fine for two people but not suitable for a typical family.

He believes the return for a specific luxury item is only possible if it is not too individual, which immediately limits appeal. But an excellently executed restoration and redecoration is always recoverable in a property, especially if it is in a classic traditional English style.

A nuisance for the potential buyer

because of family reasons, a sale may often have to take place much sooner than expected," he explains. The result can be that their pride and joy can become a downright nuisance - for it may put potential buyers off if they do not happen to share the vendor's taste, apart from failing to enhance the value of the property by the amount it cost.

Another house he saw recently had a similar complex, while the main house had not been touched, leaving it with dated bathrooms and an old-fashioned kitchen and boiler. A third example was a house near Brighton, at the top end of the market, which was built to the design and specification of the owner with luxury fittings and to a very individual style.

Swimming pools can limit the appeal

Humberts, is: "Do not spend much money on a house in a disappointing position since the average purchaser will rarely pay full value for a house improved beyond its intrinsic worth in relation to nearby or comparable properties."

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8.00 Centre AM
8.50 Breakfast Time with Nick Ross and Debbie Greenwood...

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6.50 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen...

ITV LONDON
9.25 Thames news headlines
9.30 For Schools: Science Chemistry 8.52 Maths for the young 10.04 A comical mime 10.21 The process of making chocolate 10.33 Ceefax...

BBC 2
6.55 Open University: Database - Information Systems. ends at 7.20. Ceefax...

CHANNEL 4
2.25 Film: Old Mother Riley MP (1959) starring Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane. Mother Riley, sacked by her boss who is also her landlord and a Parliamentarian candidate, decides to oppose him in the election...

Radio 4
On long wave. For VHF variations, see end of Radio 4.
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CHOICE
Grades with O-levels, he calls them: as useful as a scratch on the film negative. Lindsay Anderson, whose documentary essay on British cinema will be the second in a series of three, is more BFI-oriented than Mr Parker, and his head is, therefore, more egg-than-turkey-shopped. It is his high level of entertainment and low level of intellectual attitudinizing as his movies (bugging Malena, Birdy, etc.) do not go so far as Alexander Walker in his assessment that the British Film Institute should be abolished, but he clearly has no time for the "academic epiph" with their constricted erudition. Lew

Peter Davalle
Kingsley Amis novel, or not as good as the 1962 cinema version, Only Two Can Play. In any case, comparisons are odious. I only wish I was in a position to be able to make them.
UNDERSTANDING RAPE (BBC 1, 5.30pm) brings the violent and the violators face to face in an American experiment in rehabilitation (of the rapist) and recovery therapy (of the raped) that is having only a limited degree of success. It is not yet being adopted in more conservative Britain, but with new rape cases being reported daily, it strikes me that the American initiative should be considered, if only as the framework of a discussion document.

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Race to free Beirut hostages

From Our Correspondent Beirut In a race against time, Mr Razah Raad, the French doctor turned politician who is trying to secure the release of the French hostages held by an extremist Shia Muslim group in Beirut, yesterday made a new attempt to contact the kidnapers and resume negotiations.



The Queen meeting the troupe who performed the "Floral Dance" from the film Fantasia in Adelaide yesterday.

GCSE exam will go ahead as planned

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent The new GCSE examination for pupils aged 16 will go ahead, in spite of objections from teachers' organizations and examination boards, Mr Christopher Patten, Minister of State for Education and Science, said yesterday.

Stretched Army drops Aldershot tattoo

By Alan Hamilton The Army's traditional summer display and tattoo at Aldershot, Hampshire, which in the past has drawn crowds of up to 300,000, has been cancelled this year and may have to be abandoned.

Helicopter annoys the Duke

Adelaide - The royal tour of Australia was disrupted by an airborne invasion of helicopters and mosquitoes yesterday as the Duke of Edinburgh went for a walk on a wildlife trail (Stephen Taylor writes).

Letter from Paris Jovial defender of tradition

"He's the future President of France, you know", one of the taxi-drivers at the Radio-Cab Cooperative in Lyons confided with mixed awe and pride as he watched M Raymond Barre, once the most disliked Prime Minister under the Fifth Republic and now the most popular political leader in France, chat with fellow taxi-drivers over a glass of pastis.

Today's events

Royal engagements The Prince of Wales attends, as President, the annual general meeting and luncheon of the Royal Naval Film Corporation on board HMS President, 11, Whitehall.

Books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week. Anarchy, by John Harrington (Yale, £25, paperback £8.95).

The pound

Table with columns for Bank, Buy, Sell, and various currency rates.

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London and South - west: M1: Two lanes southbound at Junction 6, Loughton, with reduced capacity.

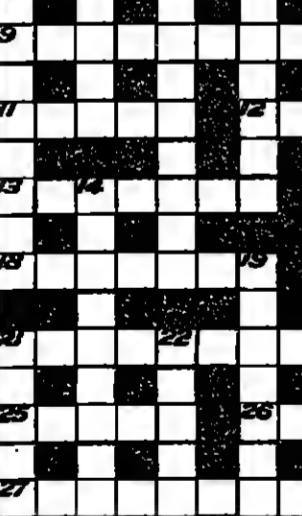
Weather forecast

Frontal troughs will cross NW Britain, but pressure will remain high in SE.

High Tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations like London Bridge, Aberdeen, Cardiff, etc.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,991



Anniversaries

Birth: John Aubrey, Easton Piercy, Wiltshire, 1626; Thomas Armitage, composer ("Rule Britannia"), London, 1710.

Bird migration

The Young Ornithologists' Club is conducting a survey of young bird migration questions about bird migration.

No smoking

Today is being observed as National No Smoking Day.

Yesterday

Table showing weather conditions for various regions like East Coast, South Coast, etc.

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Table with columns for Country, C, F, and various financial data points.

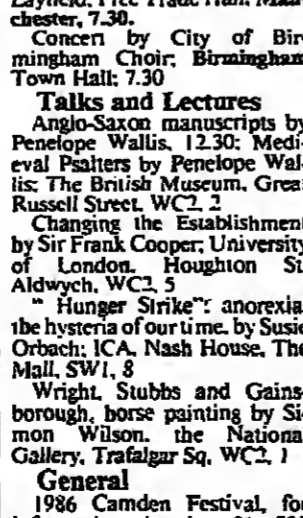
ACROSS

- 1 Lie, that's flat (5). 4 Raids on a hot spot by surprise (9). 9 It's certainly in step, dear (9).

DOWN

- 1 For brevity, order 'split and shine' (9). 2 Out of print time in the works (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 16,990



Parliament today

Commotions (2.30): Opposition debate on the City and on students' support.

Snow Reports

Table with columns for Location, Depth, Conditions, and Weather.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c. cloud; d. drizzle; f. fair; fog; h. haze; m. mist; sn. snow; t. thunder.

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